

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN LOREN SOFT**, on February 12, 1999 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Loren Soft, Chairman (R)
Rep. Roy Brown, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Chris Ahner (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Bob Davies (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. Mary Anne Guggenheim (D)
Rep. Chase Hibbard (R)
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Ralph Lenhart (D)
Rep. Brad Molnar (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jim Shockley (R)
Rep. Bruce Simon (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: David Niss, Legislative Branch
Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 415, HB 498, HB 452

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 415

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. VERDELL JACKSON introduced the bill and distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh35a01) and amendments to HB 415 **EXHIBIT**(huh35a02).

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Proponents' Testimony:

EXHIBIT(huh35a03), a letter of support from Richard S. Kahler, was distributed.

Mr. Michael Downey, Self.

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Ms. Debbie Dominick, from Kalispell.

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Mr. Alan Cranford, Christian Science Church.

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Ms. Arlette Rendash, Eagle Forum.

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Ms. Jean Helps, Kalispell, read a letter of support from Mr. Mike Fellows with the Montana Libertarian Party.

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Ms. Beth Brenneman, American Civil Liberties Union.

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Ms. Beth Trucell, Bozeman, read a letter of support from Ms. Lynda Morrison, a daycare owner in Helena.

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Opponents' Testimony:

Ms. Kathleen Martin, Department of Public Health and Human Services, distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh35a04) and **EXHIBIT**(huh35a05), statistics on communicable diseases.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11 - 15.5}

Ms. Betty Waddell, Montana Association of Churches.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 15.5 - 18.3}

Ms. Boni Stout, Flathead City/County Health Department Board of Health, distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh35a06).

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 18.3 - 22.3}

Ms. Sami Butler, Executive Director of the Montana Nurses Association, spoke in opposition to HB 415 and distributed EXHIBIT(huh35a07), a letter of opposition from Ms. Shelly Meyer, a Child Care Health Consultant.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.3 - 23.8}

Ms. Joan Miles, Public Health Officer, distributed EXHIBIT(huh35a08) and EXHIBIT(huh35a09), letters of opposition from Ms. Vicki Kelly and Ms. Ellen Leahy.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.8 - 27.1}

Mr. Dick Paulsen, Director of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies.

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EXHIBIT(huh35a10), EXHIBIT(huh35a11) and EXHIBIT(huh35a12), letters of opposition to HB 415 were distributed.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Closing by Sponsor: REP. JACKSON distributed EXHIBIT(huh35a13) and closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16.7 - 27.9}

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 452

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. HAL HARPER introduced the bill and distributed EXHIBIT(huh35a14) and EXHIBIT(huh35a15), information on I-131 exposure.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 28.4 - 2:B:5.0}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Polly Bailey, self.

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Mr. Will Boland, Helena resident.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.1 - 10.3}

Ms. Jamie Doggett, Commissioner from Meagher County.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.3 - 12.9}

Ms. Bryony Schwan, Women's Voices for the Earth.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12.9 - 13.7}

Ms. Betty Waddell, thyroid patient.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.7 - 14.9}

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Michael Spence, Doctor for Health and Human Services, distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh35a16), additional information from Nancy Ellery, DPHHS.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.9 - 24.4}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.4 - 3:A:23.8}

Closing by Sponsor: REP. HAL HARPER closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 23.8 - 26.9}

HEARING ON HOUSE BILL 498

Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. BEVERLY BARNHART introduced the bill and distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh35a17), an overview of the foster care review process and an amendment to HB 498, **EXHIBIT**(huh35a18).

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 27 - 3:B:8.2}

Proponents' Testimony:

Ms. Sherry Meador, Program Coordinator for the Supreme Court Court Assessment Program, **EXHIBIT**(huh35a19).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 8.2 - 10.9}

Mr. Chuck Hunter, DPHHS, **EXHIBIT**(huh35a20).

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 10.9 - 14.8}

Mr. Jim Smith, Montana Association of Homes for Children.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.8 - 16.2}

Opponents' Testimony:

Mr. John Larson, District Judge in Missoula.

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Ms. Jackie Baker, a Foster care recipient.

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Ms. Sue Mahleem, member of the Citizen's Review Board, distributed **EXHIBIT**(huh35a21) and **EXHIBIT**(huh35a22), letters of opposition to HB 498.

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Ms. Laurie Hunt, Court Sponsored Case Manager.

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EXHIBIT(huh35a23) **EXHIBIT**(huh35a24) **EXHIBIT**(huh35a25)
EXHIBIT(huh35a26), letters of opposition.

Informational Testimony:

Mr. Patrick Chenovick, Montana Supreme Court.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

EXHIBIT(huh35a27) and **EXHIBIT**(huh35a28), statistics on Foster Care Review Committees and Citizen Review Boards, was distributed.

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Closing by Sponsor: REP. BARNHART closed.

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EXHIBIT(huh35a29), report to the 56th Legislature by the Local Citizen Review Board Pilot Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 7:00 P.M.

REP. LOREN SOFT, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

LS/JR

EXHIBIT (huh35aad)